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**Inquiry:** I am a RCP who also has a RN license. Are there any legal restrictions regarding dual licensure for a respiratory care practitioner who works as a RCP and a RN in the same medical institution? Currently, I work separately as a RCP or RN on specific work days.

**Response:** In response to your inquiry regarding a respiratory care practitioner (RCP) possessing a dual license and working in the same facility, please be advised that the RCB authorizes the practice of respiratory care by licensed RCPs in the State of California. Any persons holding a valid RCP license issued by the RCB may practice respiratory in California. In addition, the Respiratory Care Practice Act (RCPA) provides for the practice of respiratory care by other licensed persons when the scope of their other license overlaps that of a licensed RCP. The RCPA, nor any other statute known to the RCB, does not preclude the practice of respiratory care by a licensed RCP on the basis of the licensed RCP holding any other valid license, certificate, registration, or title.

The RCPA provides that a licensed RCP practices respiratory care under the direction of a physician designated as "medical director". The RCPA does not provide for supervision and/or direction by any other licensed person.

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